

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 2 and 7-10 have been amended. No new matter is added, and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing is respectfully submitted.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 1-12 are rejected.

ITEMS 1-2: OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Office Action, at item 1, objects to Figures 3-9, because "Station B shows a 'PostAMP Unit 120' where – PreAMP Unit 120 – may be intended." In accordance with the foregoing, the drawings are amended, taking into consideration the Examiners comments.

The Office Action, at item 1, further objects to Figure 7, because "process P16 shows 'Request PreAmp_Module' where – Request PostAmp_Module – may be intended." In accordance with the foregoing, the drawings are amended, taking into consideration the Examiners comments. Support for the amendment to the drawing can be found, for example, in the Specification at page 16, lines 18-26.

Approval and entry of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.
Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

ITEMS 3-4: OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action, at item 4, objects to the Specification, because "On p. 19, line 2, '34-4' is used, but no such reference character exists in corresponding Fig. 8." In accordance with the foregoing, the specification is amended, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments.

The Office Action, at item 4, further objects to the Specification, because "On p. 25, line 4, 'ASEREQ = 1' is used, but – ASEREQ = 0 – may be intended." In accordance with the foregoing, the specification is amended, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in FIG. 8.

Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is respectfully requested.

ITEMS 6-7: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 7-10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, AS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENT.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action, at item 7, rejects claims 7-10 for the reasons stated therein. In accordance with the foregoing, the claims are amended, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Support for the claim amendments can be found, for example, in FIG. 7. Withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

ITEMS 8-9: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-12 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, AS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENT.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action, at item 9, rejects claims 1-2 (and 3-12 based upon their dependency from claims 1 or 2) because "the usage of the phrase 'being shifted' is awkward since it is unclear what exactly is being shifted." In accordance with the foregoing, the claims are amended, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Support for the claim amendments can be found, for example, in FIG. 8.

The Office Action further rejects claims 1-2 because "the usage of the phrase 'being switched over' is awkward since it is unclear what exactly is being switched over." In accordance with the foregoing, the claims are amended, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments. Support for the claim amendments can be found, for example, in FIG. 9.

Withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

ITEMS 10-11: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-12 ON THE GROUND OF NON-STATUTORY OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING OVER CLAIM 14 OF HORACHI ET AL., U.S. PATENT NO. 7,002,734, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS HORACHI.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(C) is filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

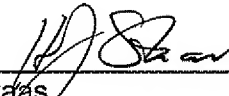
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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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